

*Wednesday, October 22, 2003*

## Coalition meets with Kurdish and Christian religious leaders

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BAGHDAD, Iraq – Coalition officials met with Kurdish and other Christian religious leaders Oct. 15 at the 1st Armored Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team's operations center in Baghdad.

Officials including Brig. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, 1st Armored Division commanding general, British Maj. Gen. Andrew Figgures, deputy commanding general of Combined Joint Task Force-7, and Hank Bassford, director of Baghdad Central, discussed the current situation in Baghdad and listened to the voices of concern by the religious leaders.

The current situation in Baghdad was explained to the leaders to let them know the progress the coalition was making in achieving the goals of returning to normalcy and self-governance. Topics discussed included electricity and sewage improvements, Iraqi Police and Facility Protection Services, The Iraqi Civil Defense Corps and the new Iraqi army, and the progress of removal of munitions scattered throughout the city following the war.

The main topic of concern among the religious leaders was security within the city.

To help quell their concerns, coalition leaders discussed the progress of discovering improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and the recruiting and hiring of Iraqi Police.

"The most significant danger to the people of Baghdad is what we call the IED," said Dempsey. "The reason is that there has been a large amount of ammunition for terrorists to use. There is still a lot of ammunition lying around the country that we still need to get control of."

He also said the IED attacks were indiscriminate because more Iraqis are injured in the attacks than coalition soldiers. He said the solution is progress toward establishing the Iraqi Police.

"Baghdad needs 19,000 police officers. We now have roughly 6,000," he said.

Dempsey said it would take another six months to hire the number of police officers needed to keep the city safe.

"We can't accelerate the plan," he said. "We need the right kind of people and they need the right kind of training, and that includes human rights training. They



**British Maj. Gen. Andrew Figgures, deputy commanding general of Combined Joint Task Force 7, shakes hands with Christian religious leaders following a meeting with religious leaders in Baghdad, Iraq, Oct. 15.**

have to have the trust in the Iraqi people and know they work for the Iraqi people." One religious leader said that Iraqi Police are still taking bribes and his solution to the problem was an increase in pay to the officers.

"It's hard to change 30 years of bad habits in one month," Dempsey responded.

According to Dempsey, one change in policy will affect security concerns in the city.

"The curfew will be totally lifted in a few weeks," he said. "I believe the security situation will improve when that is done."

Another concern weighing heavily on the minds of the leaders was the news of Turkey joining the coalition by sending troops to Iraq to aid in the rebuilding.

The leaders pleaded to coalition representatives not to allow the Turkish to join the coalition.

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## NEWS

### **Iran Agrees to Suspend Uranium Enrichment**

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) - Iran agreed on Tuesday to suspend uranium enrichment and give inspectors unrestricted access to its nuclear facilities, crucial steps demanded by the U.N. watchdog that could ease the standoff over fears Iran is seeking to build nuclear weapons.

The announcement came after weeks of mounting pressure on Iran to meet an Oct. 31 deadline to come clean on its nuclear program, which Washington believes aims to build a nuclear arsenal. The United States - which has led the charge for the U.N. Security Council to take action against Tehran - gave a cautious welcome.

### **U.S. Develops New Theory on Pearl Slaying**

WASHINGTON (AP) - American authorities investigating the killing of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl in Pakistan now believe that he was slain by the hand of Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, the alleged mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Authorities, who had previously cast doubt on reports of Mohammed's role, now have new information that leads them to believe he killed Pearl, said one U.S. official who spoke on the condition of anonymity. The official declined to detail the evidence.

### **Congress Near Passing Abortion Ban Bill**

WASHINGTON (AP) - After years of emotional debate, Congress on Tuesday stood ready to send President Bush legislation to ban what critics call partial birth abortion, the most significant restriction since the landmark Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion three decades ago.

Abortion rights groups promised to challenge the law in court as soon as President Bush signed it.

## *Entertainment...*

### **Niagara Plunge Survivor Faces Charges**

NIAGARA FALLS, Ontario (AP) - A man who went over Niagara Falls with only the clothes on his back and survived will be charged with illegally performing a stunt, Niagara Parks Police said Tuesday.

Kirk Jones, 40, of Canton, Mich., is the first person known to have gone over the Canadian Horseshoe Falls without safety devices and lived. He could be fined \$10,000.

### **Producer Says Destiny's Child Stole Song**

HOUSTON (AP) - A 32-year-old producer has filed a \$200 million lawsuit against Beyonce Knowles, her father and fellow members of Destiny's Child, alleging they stole his music for the hit song "Survivor."

Terrence "T-Robb" Robinson, a Miami-based producer, claims he produced a song called "Glorious" in June 2000 and provided it to Mathew Knowles, Beyonce's father and manager, later that year in October.

### *Chaplain's Thought for the Day:*

#### **A Wall Of Fire**

"For I," says the Lord, "will be a wall of fire all around her, and I will be the glory in her midst." — Zechariah 2:5

The construction of the Great Wall of China began in the third century BC. Often called the "eighth wonder of the world," it is approximately 1,500 miles (2,400 kilometers) long. The Great Wall was built to protect the people against raids by nomadic peoples and invasions by rival states.

In Zechariah 2, we read about another wall of protection. Zechariah had a vision of a man with a measuring line, who was trying to determine the length and width of Jerusalem (vv.1-2). His intention was apparently to begin rebuilding the fortified walls surrounding the city. The man was told that this would not be necessary, because the number of God's people would be so great that Jerusalem's walls would not be able to contain them (v.4).

Besides, they would not need walls, for the Lord promised: "I will be a wall of fire all around her, and I will be the glory in her midst" (v.5). Physical walls can be scaled or broken through, no matter how high or strong they are.

But as God's children, we have the best wall of protection anyone can have—God's personal presence. Nothing can pass through to us without first passing through Him and His will. In Him we are safe and secure. -Our Daily Bread

Safety is not found in the absence of danger but in the presence of God.

## **SAFETY**

### **WHEN MOUNTING/DISMOUNTING EQUIPMENT YOU MUST:**

- ✓ Maintain Three-Point Contact When Mounting or Dismounting a Piece of Equipment (Two feet and one hand or two hands and one foot)
- ✓ Do Not Wear Jewelry When Riding or Working on Vehicles ( Rings can get caught on equipment and pull off a finger)
- ✓ Ensure You Remove All Tools and Debris Before Dismounting/Mounting
- ✓ Ensure All Slippery Areas Are Cleaned

# The Old Ironsides Report

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myafn.net TV SCHEDULES: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2003				As of: Tuesday, October 21, 2003 9:46:39 PM		
Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
0:00	AROUND THE HORN					0:00
0:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION			TODAY	CBS NEWS SPECIAL - PROD YEAR 2003	0:30
0:45		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN				0:45
1:00	SPORTSCENTER				HEADLINE NEWS	1:00
1:30			EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES		NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	1:30
1:45		ESPNEWS				1:45
2:00	ROME IS BURNING	HEADLINE NEWS	RUGRATS : - FUGITIVE TOMMY/ VISITING AUNT MIRIAM	SESAME STREET	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	2:00
2:30		ESPNEWS	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS : - NASTY PATTY/ THE IDIOT BOX		CBS EVENING NEWS	2:30
3:00	NASCAR CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES - ADVANCE AUTO PARTS 200	MLB - 2003 WORLD SERIES GM 3: NY YANKEES @ MARLINS	THE SIMPSON : - THE OLD MAN AND THE C STUDENT	MLB - 2003 WORLD SERIES GM 3: NY YANKEES @ MARLINS	THE NEWSHOUR	3:00
3:30			HOME IMPROVEMENT : - BE TRUE TO YOUR TOOL			3:30
4:00			STAR TREK: NEXT GENERATION : - THE NEXT PHASE		HANNITY & COLMES	4:00
5:00			COMEDY CENTRAL PRESENTS: USO COMEDY TOUR		THE NEWS WITH BRIAN WILLIAMS	5:00
5:30	COLLEGE FOOTBALL - ACC: FLORIDA STATE @ VIRGINIA					5:30
6:00			MAIL CALL		BET NIGHTLY NEWS	6:00
6:30		ESPNEWS	SURVIVING WEST POINT	JUDGE JUDY	NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	6:30
7:00		HEADLINE NEWS	BATTLEFIELD: VIETNAM : - WAR ON THE DMZ	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	LARRY KING LIVE	7:00
7:25				GUIDING LIGHT		7:25
7:30	BASEBALL TONIGHT	HEADLINE NEWS				7:30
8:00	ESPNEWS	SESAME STREET	THE FLY II		NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	8:00
8:13				GENERAL HOSPITAL		8:13
8:30	54321					8:30
9:00	SPORTSCENTER	BOB THE BUILDER		SYLVESTER & TWEETY MYSTERIES : - WHATEVER HAPPENED TO SHORTY TWANG?/ A BIG KNIGHT OUT	PAULA ZAHN NOW	9:00
9:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE		I SPY		9:30
10:00	NHL - PHILADELPHIA FLYERS @ LOS ANGELES KINGS	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW : - MEET AMAZING WORLD RECORD WINNERS	RUGRATS : - FUGITIVE TOMMY/ VISITING AUNT MIRIAM	A WALK IN YOUR SHOES	NIGHTLINE	10:00
10:30			SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS : - NASTY PATTY/ THE IDIOT BOX	LIBERTY'S KIDS (EPS 14-26)	HEADLINE NEWS	10:30
11:00		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	THE SIMPSON : - THE OLD MAN AND THE C STUDENT	JEOPARDY!	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	11:00
11:25		GUIDING LIGHT				11:25
11:30			HOME IMPROVEMENT : - BE TRUE TO YOUR TOOL	HEADLINE NEWS		11:30
11:52				PACIFIC REPORT		11:52
12:00			STAR TREK: NEXT GENERATION : - THE NEXT PHASE	ESPNEWS	CNN DAYBREAK	12:00
12:13		GENERAL HOSPITAL				12:13
12:30	BASEBALL TONIGHT			HEADLINE NEWS		12:30
12:52				PACIFIC REPORT		12:52
13:00	SPORTSCENTER	HEADLINE NEWS	COMEDY CENTRAL PRESENTS: USO COMEDY TOUR	THE PARKERS : - METER MAIDS NEED LOVE, TOO	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	13:00
13:30		JUDGE JUDY		CEDRIC THE ENTERTAINER : - EPISODE 8		13:30
14:00	MLB - 2003 WORLD SERIES GM 3: NY YANKEES @ MARLINS	TODAY	MAIL CALL	FEAR FACTOR : - MISS USA CONTEST	GOOD MORNING AMERICA	14:00
14:30			SURVIVING WEST POINT			14:30
15:00			BATTLEFIELD: VIETNAM : - WAR ON THE DMZ	BOSTON PUBLIC : - CHAPTER SIXTY-TWO		15:00
16:00		SYLVESTER & TWEETY MYSTERIES : - WHATEVER HAPPENED TO SHORTY TWANG?/ A BIG KNIGHT OUT	THE FLY II	HEADLINE NEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	16:00
16:22				PACIFIC REPORT		16:22
16:30		I SPY		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO	CHANNEL ONE	16:30
16:45					WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING	16:45
17:00		A WALK IN YOUR SHOES			THE EARLY SHOW	17:00
17:30	BASEBALL TONIGHT	LIBERTY'S KIDS (EPS 14-26)		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN		17:30
18:00	SPORTSCENTER	JEOPARDY!	RUGRATS : - FUGITIVE TOMMY/ VISITING AUNT MIRIAM			18:00
18:30		HEADLINE NEWS	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS : - NASTY PATTY/ THE IDIOT BOX	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		18:30
19:00	BASEBALL TONIGHT	ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSON : - THE OLD MAN AND THE C STUDENT	THE AMITYVILLE HORROR	FOX NEWS LIVE	19:00
19:30	NFL LIVE	HEADLINE NEWS	HOME IMPROVEMENT : - BE TRUE TO YOUR TOOL			19:30
20:00	SPORTSCENTER	THE PARKERS : - METER MAIDS NEED LOVE, TOO	STAR TREK: NEXT GENERATION : - THE NEXT PHASE		FOX NEWS	20:00
20:30		CEDRIC THE ENTERTAINER : - EPISODE 8				20:30
21:00	COLLEGE FOOTBALL - BIG XII: MISSOURI @ OKLAHOMA	FEAR FACTOR : - MISS USA CONTEST	COMEDY CENTRAL PRESENTS: USO COMEDY TOUR		FOX NEWS LIVE	21:00
21:15				BARBARELLA		21:15
22:00		BOSTON PUBLIC : - CHAPTER SIXTY-TWO	MAIL CALL		STUDIO 8 WITH SHEPARD SMITH	22:00
22:30			SURVIVING WEST POINT			22:30
23:00		HEADLINE NEWS	BATTLEFIELD: VIETNAM : - WAR ON THE DMZ	HEADLINE NEWS	INSIDE POLITICS	23:00
23:30		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO		ESPNEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	23:30